GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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REVIVAL OF MILITANCY
CHANDRAKANT BHAURAO KHAIRE;GANTA SRINIVASA RAO

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISI and other militant groups are again trying to revive militancy in Punjab, Rajasthan and Gujarat by organising militant activities in the border areas of these States;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the steps being taken to check ISI`s activities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): There is no let up in the Pak design to foment trouble in the country by aiding and abetting activities of various terrorist/militant organisations in the country. Available inputs indicate that some attempts are also on to revive militancy in Punjab.

(c): In order to deal with the situation, Government have adopted a well-coordinated and multi-pronged approach for tackling the activities of ISI which includes strengthening the border management, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, neutralising plans of ISI by coordinated intelligence based operations, setting up of Out-Posts of security forces in vulnerable areas and modernisation and upgradation of Police and Security Forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system etc.

Central Government has also been sensitising the State Governments about the threat perception and activities of ISI in the country. Periodic coordination meetings are also held with the State Governments for sharing the inputs from various quarters as well as for devising strategies to counter such activities. Various security agencies belonging to Union and States have been working together to check the activities of ISI. As a result of coordinated action, a number of ISI backed modules have been neutralised.